# west virginia Child



### About Us

Formed in 1979, the West Virginia Child Care Association is comprised of professional service agencies that operate a wide variety of behavioral health and child welfare programs throughout the state. Our role is to provide a voice for the most vulnerable children who have experienced abuse, neglect, emotional and behavior challenges, substance abuse and/or delinquency.

We pledge to take a stand for our kids by championing quality behavioral health and child welfare programs found right here in West Virginia, supporting the dedicated providers who care for our children in need, and working together to provide care for our kids within our state's borders.

# 2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

#### **ELIMINATE OVER-REGULATION**

Eliminate over-regulation in the child serving system in order to increase the volume, quality and access to services for West Virginia's children and families.

#### SUPPORT FOSTER CARE

Strengthen support for West Virginia's treatment foster care and foster care providers by allocating adoption service reimbursement and recruitment funding, increasing the stipend provided for treatment foster care parents, and an additional service provision for providers and their families that place youth in foster homes after hours.

#### **ASSISTING TRANSITION**

Transform & strengthen West Virginia's system of care to improve outcomes for older youth transitioning to adulthood by developing a comprehensive, collaborative service model.

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